Case 12-37961 Filed 10/11/12 Doc 39 DONALD W. FITZGERALD, State Bar No. 095348 1 THOMAS A WILLOUGHBY, State Bar No. 137597 JENNIFER E. NIEMANN, State Bar No. 142151 2 FELDERSTEIN FITZGERALD WILLOUGHBY & PASCUZZI LLP 3 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 1450 Sacramento, CA 95814 4 Telephone: (916) 329-7400 Facsimile: (916) 329-7435 5 dfitzgerald@ffwplaw.com 6 twilloughby@ffwplaw.com jniemann@ffwplaw.com 7 Proposed Attorneys for Zacky Farms, LLC 8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 SACRAMENTO DIVISION 11 In re: CASE NO. 12-37961-B-11 12 ZACKY FARMS, LLC, a DCN: FWP-2 13 California limited liability October 11, 2012 company, Date: 14 Time: 1:30 p.m. Debtor-In-Possession. Courtroom: 32 15 501 I Street, 6th Floor Sacramento, CA 16 ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PRE-PETITION WAGES, PAYROLL 17 OTHER COMPENSATION TO EMPLOYEES 18

TAXES, CERTAIN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND RELATED EXPENSES, AND

The motion of Zacky Farms, LLC, Debtor and Debtor in Possession's (the "Debtor") seeking entry of an order authorizing payment of pre-petition wages, payroll taxes, certain employee benefits and related expenses, and other compensation (the "Employee Obligations") to employees (the "Motion"), came on for hearing on October 11, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., in Courtroom 32 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California. The Debtor appeared through its counsel, Thomas A. Willoughby. Other appearances were noted on the record. All capitalized terms used but not defined in this Order shall have the meanings given to them in the Motion.

The Court has considered the Motion, the Declaration of Keith F. Cooper in Support of First Day Motions and Applications, and the matters reflected in the record of the hearing held

> ORDER GRANTING EMERGENCY MOTION TO PAY PREPETITION WAGES, COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

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on the Motion on October 11, 2012. The Court having found that it has jurisdiction over this proceeding; that this is a core proceeding; that notice of the Motion has been given to the Office of the United States Trustee, the twenty largest unsecured creditors, all secured creditors, the owners of the Debtor and any applicable governmental entities; that no further notice is necessary; that the relief sought in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, and its creditors; and that good and sufficient cause exists for such relief.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The Motion (docket no.19) is GRANTED, on an interim basis to the extent set forth herein, pending the conclusion of a final hearing on the Motion.
- 2. The Debtor is authorized, but not directed, to pay to its employees all Employee Obligations that have accrued by virtue of the services rendered by their employees prior to the Petition Date, not to exceed the \$11,725 statutory maximum of section 507(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Employee Obligations that the Debtor is authorized to pay are described in the Motion and include, without limitation, the following Employee Obligations: (i) wages, salary and other compensation; (ii) payroll taxes; (iii); vacation and sick day programs; (iv) qualified 401(k) plan obligations; (v) health and welfare benefits; (vi) expense reimbursements; and (vii) other benefit programs.
- Except as set forth herein, the Debtor is authorized (but not directed) to make payments consistent with their practices, programs, and policies with respect to the Employees, as such practices, programs, and policies were in effect as of the Petition Date.
- 4. The Debtor's banks are authorized and directed to honor any check or draft representing an Employee Obligation that may be presented for payment and to make other transfers necessary to implement these transactions, provided that sufficient funds are available in the applicable accounts to make the payments and transfers. The Debtor is further authorized to pay any cost or penalty incurred by its employees in the event that a check issued by the Debtor for payment of the Employee Obligation is inadvertently not honored because of the filing of the Debtor's bankruptcy case.

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- 5. The banks and other financial institutions that process, honor, and pay any and all checks on account of Employee Obligations shall rely on the representations of the Debtor as to which checks are issued and authorized to be paid in accordance with this Order without any duty of further inquiry and without liability for following Debtor's instructions.
- 6. Neither this Order, nor the Debtor's payment of any amounts authorized by this Order, shall: (i) result in any assumption of any executory contract by the Debtor; (ii) result in a commitment to continue any plan, program, or policy of the Debtor; or (iii) impose any administrative, pre-petition, or post-petition liabilities upon the Debtor.
- 7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order.
- 8. To the extent the fourteen day stay of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) may be construed to apply to the subject matter of this Order, such stay is hereby waived.
- 9. Counsel to the Debtor is directed to serve a copy of this Order on all parties on the Limited Service List as defined in the Debtor's Emergency Motion For Order Establishing Notice and Administrative Procedures on file herein within three (3) days of the entry of this Order and to file a certificate of service with the Clerk of the Court.
 - 10. A final hearing on the Motion shall be held on October 24, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Dated: October 11, 2012

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United States Bankruptcy Judge